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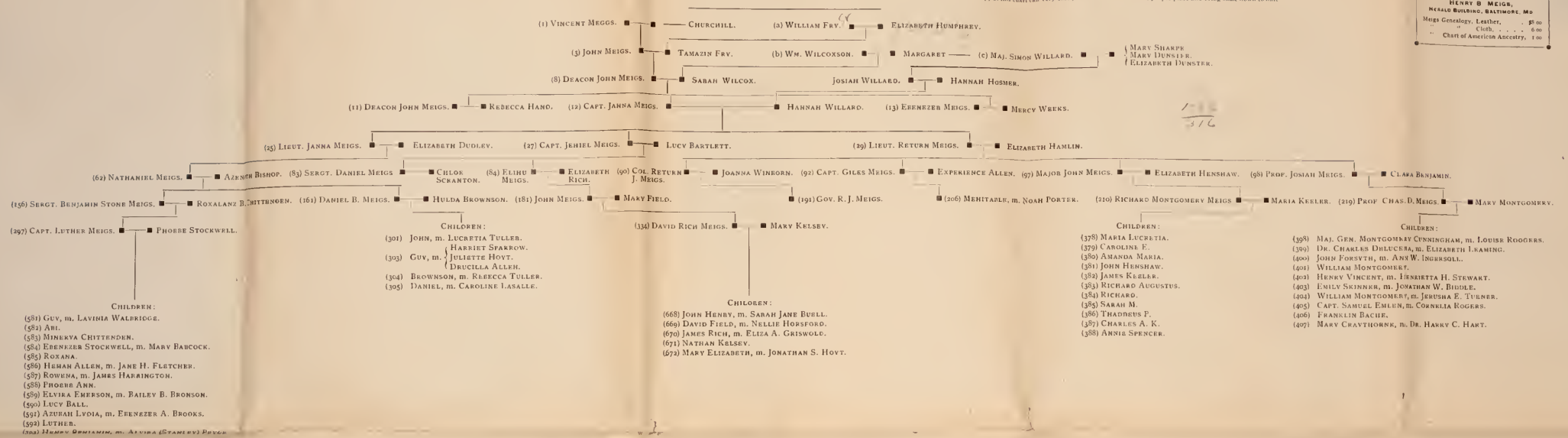
(1) Vincent Meggs. — Churchill.
(a) William Fry. — Elizabeth Humphrey.
(3) John Meigs. — Tamazin Fry.
(b) Wm. Wilcoxson. — Margaret —
(c) Maj. Simon Willard. — Mary Sharpe / Mary Dunster / Elizabeth Dunster.
(8) Deacon John Meigs. — Sarah Wilcox.
Josiah Willard. — Hannah Hosmer.
(11) Deacon John Meigs. — Rebecca Hand.
(12) Capt. Janna Meigs. — Hannah Willard.
(13) Ebenezer Meigs. — Mercy Weeks.
(25) Lieut. Janna Meigs. — Elizabeth Dudley.
(27) Capt. Jehiel Meigs. — Lucy Bartlett.
(29) Lieut. Return Meigs. — Elizabeth Hamlin.
(62) Nathaniel Meigs. — Azenith Bishop.
(83) Sergt. Daniel Meigs — Chloe Scranton.
(84) Elihu Meigs. — Elizabeth Rich.
(90) Col. Return J. Meigs. — Joanna Winborn.
(92) Capt. Giles Meigs. — Experience Allen.
(97) Major John Meigs. — Elizabeth Henshaw.
(98) Prof. Josiah Meigs. — Clara Benjamin.
(156) Sergt. Benjamin Stone Meigs. — Roxalana B. Chittenden.
(161) Daniel B. Meigs. — Hulda Brownson.
(181) John Meigs. — Mary Field.
(191) Gov. R. J. Meigs.
(206) Mehitable, m. Noah Porter.
(210) Richard Montgomery Meigs — Maria Keeler.
(219) Prof. Chas. D. Meigs — Mary Montgomery.
(297) Capt. Luther Meigs. — Phoebe Stockwell.
(334) David Rich Meigs. — Mary Kelsey.
Children:
(581) Guy, m. Lavinia Walbridge.
(582) Abi.
(583) Minerva Chittenden.
(584) Ebenezer Stockwell, m. Mary Babcock.
(585) Roxana.
(586) Hesman Allen, m. Jane H. Fletcher.
(587) Rowena, m. James Harrington.
(588) Phoebe Ann.
(589) Elvira Emerson, m. Bailey B. Bronson.
(590) Lucy Ball.
(591) Azuriah Lydia, m. Ebenezer A. Brooks.
(592) Luther.
(593) Henry Benjamin, m. Alvira (Stanley) Pryce
Children:
(301) John, m. Lucretia Tuller.
(303) Guy, m. Harriet Sparrow. / Juliette Hoyt. / Drucilla Alleh.
(304) Brownson, m. Rebecca Tuller.
(305) Daniel, m. Caroline Lasalle.
Children:
(668) John Henry, m. Sarah Jane Buell.
(669) David Field, m. Nellie Horsford.
(670) James Rich, m. Eliza A. Griswold.
(671) Nathan Kelsey.
(672) Mary Elizabeth, m. Jonathan S. Hoyt.
Children:
(378) Maria Lucretia.
(379) Caroline F.
(380) Amanda Maria.
(381) John Henshaw.
(382) James Keeler.
(383) Richard Augustus.
(384) Richard.
(385) Sarah M.
(386) Thaddeus P.
(387) Charles A. K.
(388) Annis Spencer.
Children:
(398) Maj. Gen. Montgomery Cunningham, m. Louise Rogers.
(399) Dr. Charles Dillucena, m. Elizabeth Leaming.
(400) John Forsyth, m. Ann W. Ingersoll.
(401) William Montgomery.
(402) Henry Vincent, m. Henrietta H. Stewart.
(403) Emily Skinner, m. Jonathan W. Biddle.
(404) William Montgomery, m. Jerusha E. Tuener.
(405) Capt. Samuel Emlen, m. Cornelia Rogers.
(406) Franklin Bache.
(407) Mary Craythorne, m. Dr. Harry C. Hart.

HISTORICAL NOTES.

(1) Vincent Meggs, was born probably in Devonshire (?), England, about 1583, m. in 1608, —— Churchill. Probably sailed from Weymouth, England in 1634, and first settled at Weymouth, Mass.; New Haven, 1644; Hammonassett (now Madison,) in 1653, where he died in 1658, and was the first person buried in East Guilford. *

(3) John Meigs, the emigrant, and son of Vincent, first settled in the New World at Weymouth, Mass., about 1634-5. He is found at New Haven in 1644, where he owned Cutler Corner, now the most prominent and important property in the city of New Haven, where he took the oath of fidelity and was admitted a freeman. When the trouble between the Colonies of New Haven and Connecticut arose, he took an active part on the side of Connecticut, and accepted an appointment of constable for Guilford, (the office of constable was an important office in those days) in defense of the Conn. jurisdiction. ** Settled at Guilford in 1647, and was admitted a planter there on his buying one hundred pound allottment at Hammonassett, March 3rd, 1653. Made a freeman in 1657. He was a patentee in the charter of Guilford, in which his name occurs four times. He represented Guilford at Hartford in 1647.*** In 1668 moved to Killingworth, where he died January 4th, 1671, leaving a vast landed estate.**** One of the most interesting incidents of his life is recorded in many histories and romances of New England. † "On the night of May 12th, 1661, John Meigs, of Guilford, reached New Haven in time to notify Rev. John Davenport that agents of the King were at Guilford on their way to New Haven to seize the Regicides, Whalley and Goffe, then in hiding at Mr. Davenport's. The Regicides being duly warned hurried away to another of their mysterious hiding places, and John Meigs was considered to have saved their lives. It is also understood that he carried food for them to their hiding place."

(8) Deacon John Meigs, was the first deacon of the First Congregational Church in Guilford, which position he held from the organization of the church until his death, November 9, 1713. "A good man was Deacon John Meigs."

(11) Deacon John Meigs 3rd was the progenitor of many distinguished people including the Rev. Benjamin Clark Meigs, missionary to India, and Henry Meiggs, the South American Railroad King. See Meigs Genealogy.

(12) Capt. Janna Meigs, was the first magistrate of East Guilford, Conn. Deputy Governor from 1716 to 1726; Commander of a Military Band from 1716 to 1731. †† Representative to General Assembly of Connecticut several times. See Meigs Genealogy.

(13) Ebenezer Meigs was the progenitor of most of the families who settled in Massachusetts and Maine, and who still reside in those States. In all generations these families have been distinguished people. See Meigs Genealogy.

(62) Nathaniel's sister (63) Elizabeth m. Thomas Chittenden, President of the Republic of Vermont; its first, and for nineteen years its Governor. See Meigs Genealogy.

(398) Major-General Montgomery Cunningham Meigs. For a detailed account of the life of this distingnished scientist, engineer and soldier, read Meigs Genealogy, pp. 258 to 268.

(a) William Fry was born in Weymouth, England, about 1600, and died at Weymouth, Mass., in 1642. See Meigs Genealogy, pp. 172-3-4.

(b) William Wilcoxson, born 1601, at St. Albans, Hertfordshire, England, came to America in the ship "Planter," April, 1635. First settled at Concord, and was made a freeman there December 7, 1636, moved to Stratford about 1638, where he was one of the first proprietors and a prominent man of the township. Dr. Trumbull says: "William Wilcoxson, one of the first principal gentleman of the town and church of Stratford." ††† Made representative at Hartford, 1647. ‡

(c) Major Simon Willard, of Horsemonden, Kent, England, where he was born in 1602, came to New England in 1634, and settled at Cambridge. ‡‡

"In 1635 at the house of the Rev. Peter Bulkeley, Mr. Simon Willard, John Jones and Mr. Spencer, and others did purchase of squaw Sachem Tahaltaman, a tract of land six miles square. That said Willard and others did pay for such land in Wampumpeague, hatchets, hoes, knives, cotton cloth and shoes." ‡‡‡ He went there in 1635, and led a busy, active, vigorous public life. Was Clerk of the Writs, Surveyor of Arms, Deputy, Military Commander, Commissioner, Judge of the County Court, and Major.

He was Commander in General of the Massachusetts Bay force sent against the Niantics, a tribe of Narragansett Indians, under the Sachem Nioriquet, whose chief seat was the corner of Rhode Island which bordered on Connecticut. § Of the settlement of Concord, Ridpath says: "One little company of twelve volunteers, led by Simon Willard and Peter Bulkeley, marched through the woods until they came to some open meadows sixteen miles from Boston, and there laid the foundations of Concord." §§

In 1654 he was made Assistant for Massachusetts Colony, which office he held until 1675. §§§ On August 2nd, 1675, the Major who had been in command of a Middlesex County Regiment for twenty years, at the head of forty-six dragoons, with Capt. Parker, of Groton, marched to the rescue of Brookfield, Mass., where the Indians were massacring the inhabitants, thence to Hadley, Mass., and did not return to headquarters at Boston until the last of August. John Fiske ‖ gives the following account of the rescue: "That noon (August 5th, 1675) the gallant Simon Willard, ancestor of two presidents of Harvard College, a man who had done so much toward building up Concord and Lancaster, that he was known as the "Founder of Towns," was on his way from Lancaster to Groton, at the head of forty-seven horsemen, when he was overtaken by a courier with the news from Brookfield. The distance was thirty miles, the roads scarcely fit to be called a bridle-path, and Willard's years more than three score years and ten, but by an hour after sunset he had galloped into Brookfield and routed the Indians, who fled to a swamp ten miles distant." There were three hundred Indians led by King Philip himself.

Palfrey says: ¶ "Willard was at home in the saddle notwithstanding his seventy years, and he came in time to save his friends another night of sleepless misery. God who comforted the holy apostle Paul by the coming of Titus unto him, so he greatly comforted his distressed servants, both soldiers and town inhabitants, by the coming of the said honored Major and those with him." In 1676, despite his advanced age, Willard raised a force of troopers and dragoons and was actively engaged in securing and protecting the defenceless frontier towns until, while at Charlestown, Mass., he took the prevailing epidemic cold, of which disease he died April 24, 1676, in his 72nd year. ¶¶ His first wife was Mary Sharpe, daughter of Henry and Jane Ffeyde Sharpe. After her death he married Elizabeth Dunster, sister of President Dunster, of Harvard College; she soon died, and he married for his third wife, Mary Dunster, a relative of his second wife. He had eighteen children.

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